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No decision as far as I know (I have no comment from Becki, Darrell or Vince).

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John and Vince: This looks like a very good plan to me. I have a couple of thoughts---

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Vince,

Per the decision to move the non-cancer assessment of methanol forward, we have prepared several files (below) and a task order is moving ahead to arrange with a contractor for external peer review.

First, a note was developed to communicate to the Agency and Interagency reviewers the rationale and plan for moving this non-cancer assessment into external peer review. Please revise this as you wish.

[attachment "Draft note to Agency and Interagency Reviewers 03072011.docx" deleted by Lynn Flowers/DC/USEPA/US]

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[attachment "Methanol Tox Review Draft 03082011.docx" deleted by Lynn Flowers/DC/USEPA/US] [attachment "Methanol Proposed Charge to Peer Reviewers 03072011.doc" deleted by Lynn Flowers/DC/USEPA/US]

At some point soon we should also revise the Methanol page on the NCEA website. At present, there is this notice:

[Mar 2011] UPDATE: Following a report from the National Toxicology Program (NTP), EPA has placed the external peer review of the draft IRIS Methanol Toxicological Review on hold. The NTP report (referred to in [EPA's June 15, 2010 press release](#)) recommended that pathology reviews be carried out to resolve differences of opinion in the diagnoses of certain tumors reported in a methanol research study completed by the Ramazzini Institute. Therefore, EPA and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences plan to jointly sponsor an independent Pathology Working Group (PWG) review of select studies conducted at the Institute. More information regarding the PWG work will be made publicly available in the near future.

We will look to you to communicate with the Agency and Interagency reviewers as we proceed with preparations for external peer review. And, once a date has been set for the External Peer Review, we will look for help from the IRIS support staff to announce in the Federal Register a 60-day public comment period.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this information.

My thanks especially to Jeff Gift and Reeder Sams as they've pulled this information together.

Thanks,
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